IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant

Takuji MAEDA et al.

Mail Stop PCT

Appl. No.

Not Yet Assigned (U.S. National Phase of PCT/JP2004/016029)

I. A. Filed

October 28, 2004

For

INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, INFORMATION RECORDING

MEDIUM ACCESSING APPARATUS AND ACCESSING METHOD

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Customer Service Window, Mail Stop PCT Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 2003-372484, filed October 31, 2003 and 2004-139582, filed May 10, 2004. The International Bureau already should have sent certified copies of the Japanese applications to the United States designated office. If the certified copies have not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted, Takuji MAEDA et al.

Bruce H. Bernstein

Reg. No. 29,027

Leslie J. Paperner Reg. #33329

April 26, 2006 GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. 1950 Roland Clarke Place Reston, VA 20191 (703) 716-1191